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December 2, 2004

Dave G. Spillman, Engineering Manager
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
P.O. Box 1029
Wellington, Utah 84542Re: Request to Change Timing of Reclamation at Degas Wells G-2, G-3, G-4, G-5, G-6 and Delay in Seeding of Topsoil Piles at Sites G-4, G-5 and G-6, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Dugout Canyon Mine, C/007/0039, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Spillman:

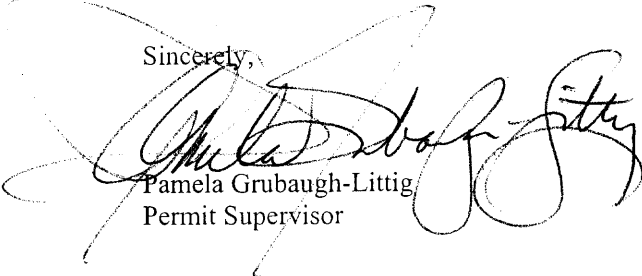
The Division received your letter dated November 2, 2004 requesting two changes to the Methane Degasification Volume of the Mining and Reclamation Plan:

- 1) Delaying reclamation of the degasification wells until the mining panels are sealed rather than at the completion of pumping as described in the MRP (end of January 2005 for sites G-2 and G-3 and end of January 2006 for sites G-4, G-5, G-6);
- 2) And, delaying seeding of topsoil stockpiles at degasification wells G-4, G-5, and G-6 until the site is accessible, due to impassible roads.

The Division's preference is for the reclamation of the degas wells to be completed in one step at the time of panel sealing and for the stockpiles to be seeded as soon as possible. When the site is accessible, seeding can be accomplished on the frozen ground surface. Subsequent snow cover will ensure good seed/soil contact. However, if the site is already snow covered, then a repeat seeding will be required in the spring, since the melting snow may concentrate the seed in the low spots.

Please provide the Division with a narrative description of the change(s) to MRP along with a C1C2 form indicating page replacements in the MRP. If you have any questions, please call Priscilla Burton at (801) 538-5288 or me at (801) 538-5268. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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